

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Davidson Road Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2019 (6-7pm-School Library)

Executive Members In attendance: Jennifer T (President), Trish G & Jensine M (Vice-President), Patrice H (CO-PAC), Sam B & Jeannette L (Secretary), Bretta L & Tara S (Hot Lunch), Tara S & Larissa T (Movie Night)

Regrets: Shelley R

Guests: Gurprit Hayher (Principal), Jarret Atkins (Vice-Principal), Kim Mortenson (Teacher Representative) , Shelley P, Jen , Dori M, Jill N

Item

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order by: Jennifer T
- Time: 6:03pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Motioned: Dori M 2nd: Patrice H

3. Approval of Minutes

- For September- Motioned: Patrice H 2nd: Dori M
- For October- Motioned: Bretta L 2nd: Dori M

4. Executive Reports:

4.1 President's Report

- Ongoing fundraisers going well
- Vernon Teach & Learn PAC fundraiser – Motioned: Trish G Vote: All in favor

4.2 Treasurer's Report

- Library bags for whole school or primary grades
 - Cost = \$5.85 per bag which includes bag and screenprinting (500 bags = \$2925 before tax)
- Amend motion: Gurprit Hayher Action: Jen T. to follow up with Shelley R for a sample and Lara Bischoff for input
- Spirit Wear
 - Sold \$1579
 - Cost \$1404.90
 - Profit \$174.10
- Gaming \$10,861.47
 - Chequing \$4,205.63 (*big drop in chequing because of payment for yearbooks \$4800 and sysco \$825)
 - Sunshine Fund \$1,981.50
 - Hot Lunch \$38,774.17

4.3 COPAC Report

2019 October 7 COPAC meeting JH

- Parent Education Handbook (generally given to new families to the district)
 - a. Update coming
 - b. Ask PAC parents what info they think would be valuable to include and bring back to COPAC Health Promoting schools committee
 - c. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)/ testing SD23 kids grade 4 & 7 (first cohort just re-surveyed, this year's grade 7s)
 - i. Physical health and well-being
 - ii. Feelings of connectedness
 - iii. Social emotional development
 - iv. School experiences
 - v. Use of after school time
 - d. Near provincial average results
 - e. Each school has their specific results (see admin.)
 - f. Hope to use this data to provide direction for initiatives within the district
- <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd23>
- Bussing/ recent survey via email (likely find on district website if you didn't get an email) a) Trustees want to hear from all parents** even if your child doesn't take the bus
 - SD 23 feeds about 2300 kids
Breakfast/lunch/weekend backpack donations by Communitylink(provincial)/Rotary etc
 - Waiting for Ministry of Ed new funding model
- Sue (COTA) says although we have had increased funding we are still about 1800.00 per child lower than national average and need operational funding (new school nice but we need to maintain what we have)
COPAC Prez- BCCPAC 13/ 44 schools submitted proxies (GO Patrice!)
This year will go ahead but are changing the constitution and will REFUND registration fee with a completed proxy

2019 November 4 COPAC meeting

-in lieu of Parent Conference, going to community talk night - hosting presenters at alternate schools
-19 Feb 2020 Harmony Day - T shirts available online in a little over a month
SD23; 1200 total immigrant students in SD23; 189 this year - Kelowna identified as a settlement spot
Living Library - real life stories - WED JAN 24 2020

Trustee Report - Moire Baxter

- 1) Transportation; real problems with routes, please answer survey - 55% riders 45% non-riders, 2250 responses so far - 10% of district. Please take survey Public meetings 5 DEC at GESS (other dates at another Kelowna schools). MLAs are also getting involved - sidewalks, busses, etc., City transits all have to go through BC Transit
- 2) School community learning
 - Facts @ learning plans to improve learning in schools
 - Enhancing Student Learning Framework

- Dual Credit information evening presentation - Nov 14, RSS
- PAC advising on discretionary funding

Kevin Kaardal SD 23

- 1) Q's about Funding formula due to come out before winter break. SD23 a progressive district - need a model of the formula to be able to know how top down measures are going to meet bottom-up measures.
- 2) Labour relations - winding down locally, provincially mediators report coming out BCTF, therefore progressing and hope for a fair outcome.

COTA:

Transportation decision - not expecting to be pleasantly surprised
sd23 - \$1800 less per child than national average

-framework very vague about outcome, -going to cabinet this month

- COTA alarmed what could happen to this district, especially as no model of formula been seen yet - need model fro SD to look at BEFORE implementation!
- SD a growing district, 300 new kids with special needs just this year
- need more support from \$govt not less
- -using new formula to save money, so if we're cut, the trustees will struggle to support busses when classrooms need the support.
- ALSO level of funding -whether current funding is enough to cover the basic education program the government has to provide under the School Act (which does not include "extras" like Arts outside of school time

PARENTS: - need to speak up for our children in schools - need \$ for kids!!

-likely to be further cuts to services that exist now, BCTF is screaming, BCC PAC notifying people - need letters from Parent Voice

1. COPAC PARENTS - REQUEST - actual letters in the POST - most successful

CONTACT MLAs

-want to see our childrens' **education better supported** and **at the centre of the model** which also supports the **stability** of their schools and enriches their experiences within them, not erosion of our public education school system funding

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Points to consider:

1. **Provide funding model to school districts**
2. **Ensure there are no school districts whose kids lose out on what they have presently-** to stabilize and equalize
3. **Make sure it does not impact the level of funding for special education, each child needs adequate funding**
4. **formula must be based on rates of growth, not averages**

4.4 Hot Lunch/ Fruit & Vegetable Program

- Only complaint from few parents is regarding new pizza vendor and temperature of pizza – not hot when served
- Donate button and door sales – \$492.50 to use toward breakfast program – toaster \$60 , maybe more supplies for Ms. Lee's program
- Looking for new vendors in January – March program. Osho's is no longer in business. Looking into Mexican restaurant as a possibility
- more volunteers have come forth through online sign up
- Patrice – add a button for yearbook. Bretta to add an option under fundraiser with closing date end of April. \$25/ yearbook

5. Principal's Report

1) Thank you –

- coordinating Movie Night, DRE Spirit Wear, Poinsettia's, and Art Projects
- Boys' and Girls' volleyball coaches (Mrs. Hewitson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Durose, Mr. Knight, Mr. Low, and Mr. Geen)

2) Leader in Me - Squads

- All students are assigned to a squad (approx. 80 students per squad K-6)
- Inclusive of all learners and reflect the diversity of learners in our community
- Teachers and staff members assigned to each squad to encourage stronger relationships between adults and students
- Promote self-identity, belonging, and pride
- Promote collaboration, cooperation, team work, communication (leadership skills) through academic, athletic, artistic, and community service endeavors
- Promote student voice

3) Opal School Visit

- Ms. Rosco, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hewitson, Ms. Langlois, and Mr. Pentland
- Team would like to present at next PAC meeting

4) Upcoming Events

- See Calendar for November Events
- December 10th – Gr. 1/2 Christmas Concert (12:30pm and 6:00pm shows)
- December 11th – Kindergarten Christmas Concert (10:00am show)
- December 12th – Gr. 3-6 Christmas Concert (12:30pm and 6:00pm shows)
- December 18th – Report Cards go home at the end of the day
- December 20th – Caroling in the gym

5) Mr. Hayher's Performance Appraisal

- As part of the appraisal process for school administrators, I am asking parents to provide input and feedback using an online survey. The input and feedback goes directly to Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Ovelson who will collect and then share it with me. By completing the survey you will provide me with valuable information on how I am doing as a school principal, my strengths, my areas for growth, and how I can better meet the needs of our learning community. Thank you in advance for taking ten minutes to complete the survey. The link is open from Nov. 13 – Dec 2.

<https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/DREPrincipalAppraisal-GurpritHayher-ParentSurvey.aspx>

6. New Business

- Digital clocks – bell system down, and pulse isn't functioning. It will be fixed at some point
- Zumba – January onward (moved to next month)
- New School photographer (moved to next month)
- Washing the outdoor play equipment after orchard spray, before kids head outside (moved to next month)
- Christmas concert raffle with donations – gaming grant, is there time to still apply? Will discuss with Shelley R
- Break the rules to move away from November, when month is so busy with reports due

7. Old Business

- Spirit Wear Update
- Ideas for leftover BBQ food items
- Lower crosswalk volunteers

- New vendors for hot lunch program now that Osho is closed
- Yearbook

8. Announcements

Next meeting Dec. 4 @ 6pm

9. Adjournment

Motioned: Bretta L

2nd: Shelly P

Time: 7:13